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VINTAGE 2013

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir

ALCOHOL 14.0%

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE \$62

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PINOT NOIR MELVILLE VYD 2013

Voluptuous with lots of minerality in its black raspberry, truffle, autumn leaf and wood-smoke-scented bouquet. Seamless, silky texture and fabulous persistence and flavor intensity.

WINERY BACKGROUND: Samsara is a Sanskrit word meaning "the eternal cycle of life" and refers to the oneness, passion, and harmony that winemaker Chad Melville has with his grapes. Chad and his wife Mary have the philosophy that clean, pristine, and healthy fruit allows for a non-manipulated winemaking process. He farms ¾-acre plots of personally-selected rows in various Sta. Rita Hills vineyards near the coast of Central California. Due to the region's long, unique growing season, Chad can pick ripe stems and seeds allowing for whole cluster fermentation which helps absorb the overt fruitiness that can dominate many California wines.

Along with the climate and soil, these diverse, handcrafted wines are a rare combination of full ripeness, concentration, excellent structure, minerality, high acidity, and moderate alcohol levels.



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